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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. LENGTHY SEPT 8 IZVESTIYA ARTICLE BY
V. KUDRYAVTSEV ON U.S. POLICY TOWARD SOUTHERN AFRICA
DESCRIBES IN INNUMERABLE WAYS IMPOSSIBILITY OF U.S.
PLAYING ROLE OF HONEST BROKER IN REGION. ARTICLE CONTINUES
AND DEEPENS RECENT MEDIA TREND OF STRONG OPPOSITION TO
U.S. AFRICA POLICY IN GENERAL AND TO SECRETARY'S PERSONAL
INVOLVEMENT IN PARTICULAR (REF A).

2. THREAT OF U.S. MILITARY POWER AND STRATEGIC MILITARY
IMPORTANCE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA IS EMPHASIZED IN ARTICLE, A
THEME ECHOED IN SEPT 9 PRAVDA "COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN" BY
V. KALININ, WHO LINKS U.S. MILITARY POLICY IN SOUTH PACIFIC
AND INDIAN OCEAN WITH "PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH" CONCEPT AND
WHO THEN LABELS CONCEPT A "REAL THREAT". END SUMMARY.

3. ASSUME DEPT HAS FBIS TEXT OF ARTICLES. INCHOATE AS
IT MAY SEEM, KUDRYAVTSEV'S ARTICLE BEARS CAREFUL READING.
IT IS VINTAGE KUDRYAVTSEV AND SAME
MESSAGE WAS DELIVERED PERSONALLY TO ACTING POL COUNSELOR
AND EMBOFF DURING OFFICERS' SEPT 3 CALL ON HIM. IN SHORT,
KUDRYAVTSEV ACCUSES U.S. OF SUPREME ARROGANCE IN ATTEMPTING
TO MEDIATE PROBLEMS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. IN PHRASES DRIPPING
WITH SARCASM AND VITRIOL HE DESCRIBES U.S. ECONOMIC
AND MILITARY INTERESTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA; U.S. MILITARY
BLUSTER--"THIS IS -- THE KNOUT," HE SAYS; AND U.S. INABILITY
TO SOLVE ITS OWN RACIAL PROBLEM MUCH LESS THAT OF AFRICA.

4. CONTINUALLY CITING PHRASES FROM SECRETARY'S RECENT
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SPEECHES ON U.S. AFRICA POLICY, HE WAXES PARTICULARLY
VICIOUS OVER THE PROSPECT OF A ROUND OF AFRICAN SHUTTLE
DIPLOMACY WHICH MIGHT DUPLICATE THE SECRETARY'S EFFORT
IN M.E. -- AN EFFORT, HE SAYS, WHICH EXPRESSED ITSELF IN
"THE BLOODY EVENTS IN LEBANON".

5. AMPLIFYING ON A THEME HE SOUNDED DURING EMBOFFS' SEPT 3
CALL, HE DESCRIBES IN HIS ARTICLE THE U.S. ATTEMPT TO

MANIPULATE THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA TO "COMBINE THE INCOMPATIBLE" -- TO PUT AN AFRICAN MAJORITY IN POWER WHILE PRESERVING ALL PRIVILEGES OF THE WHITE MINORITY. THIS, HE SAYS, IS MEDDLING IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF NASCENT, BLACK STATES OF REGION.

6. KUDRYAVTSEV MAY HAVE PAINTED HIMSELF INTO A CORNER WITH HIS PENULTIMATE REMARKS ON THE INHERENT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE SECRETARY'S ZURICH MEETING WITH VORSTER AND THE DAR-ES-SALAAM MEETING OF THE AFRICAN FIVE. WHILE HE HIMSELF IS UNDOUBTEDLY AWARE OF SCHAUFELLE MISSION IN DAR-ES-SALAAM, SOVIET MEDIA HAVE NOT YET MENTIONED IT, AND POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM DAR-ES-SALAAM MEETING TO U.S. INITIATIVES WOULD PRESENT DIFFICULTY FOR CURRENT HEAVY SOVIET LINE.

7. EMBASSY HAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ON APPARENT DEVELOPING TREND OF REJECTION OF AND HOSTILITY TOWARD PRESIDENT'S "PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH" CONCEPT (REF B). WE SEE KUDRYAVTSEV ARTICLE FITTING INTO AN EMERGING SOVIET MEDIA VIEW OF AN AMERICAN INFLUENCED AND LIMITED BY ITS ECONOMIC AND MILITARY INTERESTS AND PRESENTING-- DUE TO ITS EFFICIENCY AND TECHNOLOGY--A THREAT TO THE REST OF THE WORLD. THIS GRIM OUTLOOK IS MADE EVEN CLEARER IN SEPT 9 "COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN" BY VSEVOLOD KALININ. KALININ, WRITING ON "THE REAL AND THE IMAGINARY THREAT", DESCRIBES U.S. MILITARY, STRATEGIC POLICY IN PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN AREAS-- INCLUDING RED SEA AND PERSIAN GULF--AND COMPARES IT WITH "FABRICATION" OF A SOVIET THREAT IN INDIAN OCEAN. KALININ CONCLUDES BY WARNING THAT ATTEMPTS BY IMPERIALIST CIRCLES TO CARRY OUT A POLICY "FROM A POSITION OF STRENGTH" REPRESENT A "REAL THREAT".
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